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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT STEVENS TO PRESIDENT FORD

1. EMBASSY SEPT 24 RECEIVED BY NOTE FROM GOSL FOREIGN
MINISTRY SIGNED ORIGINAL LETTER FROM PRESIDENT STEVENS
TO PRESIDENT FORD DATED SEPT 23. TEXT FOLLOWS:

"DEAR PRESIDENT FORD,

"I HAVE RECEIVED THE VERY NICE PIPE AND ACCOMPANYING
TOBACCO WHICH YOU SO KINDLY SENT ME BY AMBASSADOR SAMUELS.
I APPRECIATE THE GIFT VERY MUCH INDEED BECAUSE, FOR ME,
AND FOR SIERRA LEONE, IT SYMBOLISES WHAT I CONSIDER TO
BE A FRESH AND MORE MEANINGFUL APPROACH IN THE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOUR GREAT COUNTRY AND OUR
LILLIPUTIAN SIERRA LEONE. THIS GIFT WILL BE ONE OF MY
MOST TREASURED HEIRLOOMS.

"YOUR AMBASSADOR SAMUELS IS WELL ON THE WAY GAINING
THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE HERE, AND PRESENTING THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN A MORE FAVOURABLE LIGHT THAN
HERETOFORE.

"WE ARE PROUD OF OUR CONNECTIONS WITH THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, EXTENDING OVER A CENTURY;
CONNECTIONS WHICH MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE VERY
FIRST PRIME MINISTER, THE LATE DR. MARGAI AS WELL
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AS THE WRITER (THE FIRST EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT) TO

HAVE RECEIVED THE BETTER PART OF THEIR EDUCATION
IN AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY INSTITUTION, THE ALBERT
ACADEMY, A SECONDARY SCHOOL WHICH WAS BUILT IN
FREETOWN BY AN AMERICAN, A MR. ALBERT, IN MEMORY
OF HIS SON MR. IRA ALBERT WHO LOST HIS LIFE ON A
RIVER BOAT IN SIERRA LEONE WHILE SERVING THE
U.B.C. MISSION DECADES AGO.

" I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY
OF MEETING YOU IN THE FLESH. "SINCERELY, (SIGNED)
SIAKA STEVENS."

2. ORIGINAL LETTER BEING AIR POUCHED TO AF/W (SEGARS)
SEPTEMBER 25. DECONTROL ON RECEIPT.
SAMUELS

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